Period will be about Rs. 1000 Crore and production of CBM is expected to be 2.6 BCM during 11th Plan Period.

Oil and gas exploration in Arunachal Pradesh

1969. DR. V. MAITREYAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent seismic surveys have indicated huge presence of Oil and Natural Gas in various areas of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the likely quantity which would be available;

(c) whether any commercial activity like drilling is likely to be undertaken;

(d) if so, when it is likely to start active operations in this area;

(e) whether any special funds are being created to undertake such activity by Government; and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) In one exploration block namely AA-ONN-2003/2 contracted to consortium of Geopetrol, NTPC and Canoro in Arunachal Pradesh under the fifth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-V), Operator has carried out 2D Seismic Survey for 206 Line Kilo Metre. Based on the interpretation of survey, the prospective location for drilling will be decided.

As on 1.4.2007 the oil & gas reserves estimated in Arunachal Pradesh were 4.85 MMT Oil & Oil Equivalent Gas (O&OEG) against total oil & gas reserves of 1843.1 MMT estimated for the country.

However, the likely quantity to be extracted will depend on exploratory efforts.

(e) and (f) Government does not invest any amount in the blocks awarded under Production Sharing Contract regime. The operator has to bear all the expenditure of exploration and development.

CAG report about ONGC

†1970. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG has reported that ONGC has adopted a casual approach towards the production of crude oil, as a result of which thousands of crore rupees have been misused;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of new oilfields given to ONGC from March, 2003 to January, 2008 for production?

†*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.*